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Title: Delay in construction of Pakyong Airport in Sikkim.

SHRI PREM DAS RAI (SIKKIM): The attention of the Government may be drawn towards the inordinate delay in construction of the Greenfield Pakyong Airport. Sikkim is a land locked mountainous state. With no access to a railway line and poor condition of NH 10 due to frequent landslides, there is an urgent need for completing the Pakyong Airport which has been underway since 2008.

The cost of the project has increased from approximately Rs. 300 crore to Rs. 600 crore due to time and cost overrun. The airport is being built by the Airports Authority of India. The Airport in Sikkim will not only provide an alternative and faster means of connectivity to Sikkim but also promote tourism leading to greater economic benefits to Sikkim and its people.

My demand is that the Government of India should immediately take steps to alleviate this situation and complete it within 2017 with no more time overrun.

HON. SPEAKER: The House stands adjourned to meet again tomorrow, the 25th November, 2016 at 11 a.m.

12.06 hours

The Lok Sabha then adjourned till Eleven of the Clock

on Friday, November 25, 2016/ Agrahayana 4, 1938 (Saka).